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PATENT
Docket No. 58663US002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Joël R. DUFRESNE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1797
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 Serial No.: 10/682,597) Examiner: Lyle Alexander
 Confirmation No.: 9772)
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 Filed: 9 October 2003)
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 For: MULTILAYER PROCESSING DEVICES AND METHODS

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
 Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed August 27, 2008 has been received and reviewed. No claims have been canceled or amended and no new claims are presented, leaving claims 1-30 and 49-57 pending (claims 49-57 being withdrawn from consideration) Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-30 is respectfully requested.

Response To Restriction Requirement

The Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 in the above-identified application, grouping the claims as follows: Group I, Claims 1-30 (drawn to sample processing device and method of making) and Group II, Claims 49-57 (drawn to a method of manufacturing a device that requires the steps of separating a web into individual processing chambers).

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants confirm the election of Group I (Claims 1-30). The election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.